

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 4

First Day

ferred to West Central States Mission.

Piute Branch, Millard Stake, membership transferred to Kanosh Ward.

Cambridge Ward, Portneuf Stake, membership transferred to Downey Ward.

Burton and Independence Wards, Rexburg Stake, merged to make Burton-Independence Ward.

Cluff Ward, Summit Stake, membership transferred to Coalville Second Ward.

Dove Creek Branch, San Juan Stake,

changed from independent branch to dependent branch on Monticello Ward.

## THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

Elder John A. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve.

President Harry L. Payne, President of Arizona Temple.

J. Bryon Barton, President of San Francisco Stake.

Twayne Austin, President of West Pocatello Stake.

## STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

## For the Information of the Members of the Church

The First Presidency issues the following statement of items concerning the condition and operation of the Church for the year 1952. The statement will include three sections: First, Statistical Information; Second, Financial Data; and Third, Miscellaneous Items.

## I. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Number of Stakes of Zion, at end of year .....	202
Number of Wards .....	1,565
Number of Independent Branches .....	202
Total Wards and Independent Branches, at end of year .....	1,767
Number of Missions .....	42
<i>Church Membership:</i>	
Stakes .....	974,118
Missions .....	214,935
Total Membership (at end of year) .....	1,189,053
<i>Church Growth:</i>	
Children blessed in Stakes and Missions .....	43,114
Children baptized in Stakes and Missions .....	25,896
Converts baptized in Stakes and Missions .....	16,813
<i>Social Statistics:</i>	
Birth rate per thousand .....	39.34
Marriage rate per thousand .....	8.98
Death rate per thousand .....	5.85
(These data on births, marriages and deaths are computed from stake reports and do not include the missions)	
<i>Missionaries:</i>	
Number of missionaries in the missions of the Church (including those enroute to or from their fields of labor) .....	2,897
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes .....	6,138
Total missionaries—December 31, 1952 .....	9,035
Number of missionaries who received training in the Missionary Home in 1952 .....	872

## II. FINANCIAL DATA

This section will be presented under two headings:

*First*, Expenditures for Church organizations which originate directly and indirectly from the office of the Corporation of the President, which expenditures are funded in the main from the tithes of the Church.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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### *Administrative Expenses*

For salaries of Church employees in the office of the Presidency and the office of the Presiding Bishopric, the Tabernacle Choir employees, and special committees, there being about one thousand persons on the employees payroll; for the living allowances and traveling expenses of the General Authorities; and for equipment and miscellaneous items of office expense ..... \$ 1,214,665  
 (The total Administrative Expenses are covered by non-tithing income.)

### *Stakes and Wards*

For expenses of 202 stakes and 1,767 wards and independent branches, including the maintenance of buildings; expenses and mileage allowances of stake presidents and bishops; furnishings for stake and ward offices; erection, remodeling and repairing of stake and ward buildings ..... \$ 9,516,508

### *Missions and Missionary Work*

For maintenance and operation of the established missions of the Church; living and traveling expenses of mission presidents; return fares of missionaries; for expenses of bureaus of information and of the Missionary Home in Salt Lake City; for free literature, radio and publicity expense; for erection, remodeling, purchase, maintenance and renting of meeting houses and other buildings ..... \$ 4,601,828

### *Temples*

For expenses of the eight temples now in operation and for construction work, repairs and maintenance of temple buildings, outbuildings, and grounds ..... \$ 689,418

### *Welfare*

For the purchase of equipment, commodities and containers; for operating expenses of bishops' storehouses, and for the transportation of commodities; for the purchase, construction and remodeling of bishops' storehouses and other general welfare properties; for General Church Welfare Committee administrative expenses; and for the care of the needy—rents, light, fuel, hospitalization, burials, etc. ..... \$ 1,573,803

### *General Buildings and Grounds*

For maintenance of and repairs and improvements to general Church buildings including the Church Administration building, Tabernacle, and Assembly Hall, and grounds, and of buildings situated immediately adjacent to the Temple Block, and \$705,482 allowed to hospitals for new construction and for improvements ..... \$ 1,109,266

### *Schools and Educational Activities*

For operating expenses of the Brigham Young University, Ricks College, Juarez Stake Schools, 18 institutes, 134 seminaries, the McCune School of Music and Art, the Deseret Gymnasium, and the L.D.S. Business College; and for the erection and repair of buildings; and for purchase of building sites ..... \$ 3,674,086

### *Genealogical Society*

For the maintenance of the genealogical library, archives, temple index bureau, and allied departments; for recording, indexing, photographing and filing genealogical and temple ordinance data, including the names of 577,638 persons forwarded to the temples for ordinances; and for microfilm copies of genealogical records from 7 states and 9 foreign countries equivalent to 43,057 printed volumes of approximately 350 pages per volume ..... \$ 811,581

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## Other Expenses

For taxes and assessments; insurance; contributions to civic and educational institutions; for maintenance and repair of historic properties and monuments; for restoration of the Church Fire Insurance Fund; and for other purposes .....	\$ 326,980
Total (Church General Funds Spent) .....	\$23,518,135

Second, Expenditures which originate in the stakes, wards, missions, schools and other organizations and agencies of the Church, which are covered by collections and contributions other than tithing.

For construction and repair of meeting houses and other buildings and for purchases of sites, buildings and furnishings .....	\$ 8,041,097
For Stake, Ward and Mission Maintenance purposes (including auxiliaries' recreation expenses) .....	4,600,088
For assistance to needy from Ward and Mission Fast Offerings .....	1,714,202
For acquisition of Storehouses and Budget Production Projects (including the operating expenditures of said projects) .....	822,198
For assistance to Missionaries from contributions received by Wards and Stakes .....	210,661
For operation of the Primary Children's Hospital, of the auxiliary general boards, and of the temples .....	332,941
Educational Institutions—from tuitions and dormitory and other service income .....	3,733,270
Hospitals—for care of the sick—in addition to contributions to the Primary Children's Hospital and in addition to the amounts paid from tithes included in Part I .....	32,485
Auxiliaries—from publications, sewing projects, and other business income..	1,365,672
Temples—from clothing rentals and other receipts .....	154,155
Deseret Industries, Deseret Clothing Factory, Deseret Woolen Mills and group canning projects—from operating income .....	717,660
Welfare budget production projects—from operating income .....	1,283,615
Total expenditures from contributions and collections other than tithing ...	\$23,008,044
GRAND TOTAL—cash expenditures of the Church, from general funds, local contributions and other income, for the year 1952 .....	\$46,526,179

## III. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Under miscellaneous items will be set forth information on the operation and accomplishments of some of the Church agencies.

The following items of interest are taken from the Church Welfare report for 1952:

Cash expended in the Welfare Program, all included in the report of expenditures given in Section II .....	\$ 3,670,208
In addition to the foregoing cash expenditures of Church general funds, Welfare contributions and fast offerings, there were distributed to the needy, welfare commodities to the value of over .....	1,073,659
This makes a grand total of cash and commodities distributed under the Welfare Program in 1952 by the various agencies involved, of .....	\$ 4,743,867

Distribution from Bishops' Storehouses of commodities amounted to 6½ million pounds of food and 360,000 items of household supplies, clothing and miscellaneous. This distribution is 12% lower than 1951.

In 1952 there were 37,649 persons assisted in the United States and Canada. This is an increase from 1951 of 2,521 persons.

During the year 1952 the Deseret Industries have had an average of 289 persons working in their plants, 64% of whom were handicapped persons. The Deseret Clothing Factory, another branch of the Welfare Plan, has provided continuous employment for from 30 to 70 individuals, many of whom were widows and elderly persons.

During the year, 66,011 man days of work and the use of equipment amounting to 9,518 unit days were donated in the production of the budget, 12,793 man days of work were donated in operation of bishops' storehouses, and 4,712 man days of work were donated in the construction of buildings for the operation of the Welfare Plan. In addition to these, 156 construction and remodeling projects were completed by the brethren, 90 of which were for the benefit of less fortunate members.

During 1952, 2,296 persons were given occupational counseling resulting in the solution of their employment problems, and 5,336 other persons were placed in remunerative employment. Reported unemployment has increased to nearly double the figure of a year ago.

#### *Emergency Activity*

In April of last year, canyon streams, swollen by heavy spring thaws, overflowed into the farms, streets, homes and business houses of northern Utah communities, causing extensive damage and forcing many families from their homes. In Salt Lake City, Ogden, Provo and other communities, 485 families were evacuated from their homes through the efforts of Church Welfare workers. Sixty of these families were housed in homes donated by Church members.

On a purely voluntary basis, 6,606 individuals spent 58,301 hours, and 383 motorized equipment units were contributed for 10,573 hours, in flood control and emergency relief activities. Eighty-one thousand sand bags were donated by our people, and gathered by the boys of the Aaronic Priesthood. Sixty-three thousand of these bags were filled with sand and used in flood control. For the brethren voluntarily working on flood relief projects, thousands of meals were prepared and served by the Relief Society.

In an immunization program sponsored and conducted by the General Church Welfare Committee, 6,734 individuals were immunized against disease, 15,326 injections being made by doctors who contributed 78 hours of service, nurses contributed 310 hours of service, and others assisting them worked 1,636 hours, all without any financial remuneration.

After the flood, the rehabilitation problem was met largely by the injured families themselves, and tribute should be paid to their spirit of independence and ability to re-establish themselves after great loss. However, the Welfare Program was called upon to assist in the reclamation of 74 homes and 2 places of business, and in the great task of cleaning away the mud and debris from homes, yards and streets. In this work, 823 persons contributed 9,880 hours and 58 motorized equipment units were contributed for 1,279 hours. Five homes were completely rebuilt.

#### **President David O. McKay:**

Elder Joseph Anderson has just read items pertaining to the statistical and financial data of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Elder Orval Adams, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, will now read the report of the Committee.

#### **REPORT OF CHURCH AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Elder Orval W. Adams of the Church Auditing Committee read the following report:

President David O. McKay and  
Counselors,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

#### **Dear Brethren:**

The balance sheet disclosing the financial condition of the Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the year ending December 31, 1952 has been reviewed. The records appear to be adequate and the accounting system carefully kept. Disbursement of Church funds is controlled through a comprehensive budget system. Receipts for the year were in excess of expenditures. The Church is in a strong financial condition and free from debt.

Respectfully submitted,  
Orval W. Adams  
Albert E. Bowen  
George S. Spencer  
Harold H. Bennett  
Church Auditing Committee